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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS  
ON FEBRUARY 1, 1969

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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas of the country totaled 103.2 million hundredweight on February 1, 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 8 percent less than the 112.8 million hundredweight on hand February 1, 1968. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on February 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States totaled 33.8 million hundredweight on February 1, 1969 compared with 36.4 million a year earlier. Maine holdings were 25.5 million, slightly less than the 26.3 million hundredweight on hand a year earlier. February 1 stocks in other important eastern States were also below a year ago.

Holdings in the eight central fall States, at 21.9 million hundredweight this February 1, were slightly above the stocks of 21.8 million a year earlier. Larger stocks in North Dakota and South Dakota offset smaller holdings in the other central States.

In the nine western fall States, stocks were 47.6 million, 13 percent below the 54.6 million on February 1 last year. Holdings in all western States except Washington were below a year ago. Idaho stocks, estimated at 27.8 million hundredweight, were 16 percent less than on February 1, 1968, while Washington, at 7.0 million, was up 7 percent.

Disappearance of 1968 fall crop potatoes from storage during January 1969 was 25.6 million hundredweight, 4 percent below the January 1968 disappearance of 26.6. Disappearance of 1968 fall potatoes from time of harvest to February 1, 1969 was 116.8 million hundredweight compared with a disappearance of 118.5 million from the 1967 crop during the comparable period. Movement of 1968 fall crop potatoes to chippers and fresh market outlets during January and movement for the season to February 1 (as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 41 cities) were each slightly below a year earlier. The quantity of potatoes processed for other food products (excluding starch and flour) during January also was slightly below a year earlier but the season total to February 1 was above the comparable 1967-68 period. Movement of fall potatoes to starch factories during January and for the season to February 1 was below a year earlier level.

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Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1,  
total stocks, crops of 1959-68 in the 25 fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
		following year	following year	following year	following year
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
1959 ....	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960 ....	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961 ....	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 <u>1</u> /..	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963 ....	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964 ....	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965 ....	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966 ....	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967 <u>2</u> /..	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968 ....	220,018	151,385	128,810	103,245	

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer, and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1968 Pot 6(68)

### Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1962-69

Area	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
			<u>--- Millions ---</u>					
Eastern .....	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.4	---
Central .....	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	88.0	---
Western .....	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	---
Total .....	185.9	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	<u>1</u> /201.9

1/ Total U.S. resident population for July 1, 1969 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 403, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on February 1, 1968 and February 1, 1969 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 1967		Crop of 1968	
	Production	Total stocks	Production	Total stocks
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
Maine .....	37,604	26,300	36,890	25,500
New Hampshire .....	252	80	230	90
Vermont .....	288	130	285	140
Massachusetts .....	1,216	340	1,036	240
Rhode Island .....	1,140	80	1,260	50
Connecticut .....	1,354	460	1,254	430
New York				
Long Island .....	7,426	2,450	7,506	2,400
Upstate .....	8,820	3,150	7,988	2,500
Pennsylvania .....	9,120	3,450	7,585	2,400
8 Eastern .....	67,220	36,440	64,034	33,750
Ohio .....	2,522	400	2,499	390
Indiana .....	1,950	230	1,226	100
Michigan .....	7,095	2,900	6,235	2,550
Wisconsin .....	9,401	3,400	8,325	3,000
Minnesota .....	11,760	6,200	12,180	6,000
North Dakota .....	14,280	7,500	15,660	8,800
South Dakota .....	590	190	621	215
Nebraska .....	1,794	950	1,820	800
8 Central .....	49,392	21,770	48,566	21,855
Montana .....	1,512	1,120	1,458	1,100
Idaho .....	63,900	33,200	59,505	27,800
Wyoming .....	578	240	608	220
Colorado .....	9,240	4,200	7,762	3,450
Utah .....	1,463	720	1,072	350
Nevada .....	192	80	138	20
Washington .....	15,265	6,600	16,185	7,050
Oregon .....	13,252	4,500	12,290	4,450
California .....	9,210	3,900	8,400	3,200
9 Western .....	114,612	54,560	107,418	47,640
Total 25 Fall States	231,224	112,770	220,018	103,245

<sup>1/</sup> Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

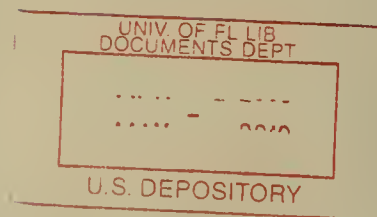
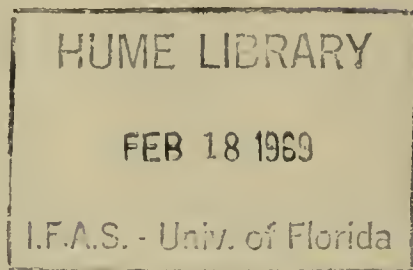


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